

APPROVED: Meeting No. 27-80

ATTEST: *Helen M. Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 23-80

June 5, 1980

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, June 5, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Clerk Helen M. Heneghan, Director of Budget Anna Lee Berman, Assistant City Manager Daniel Hobbs, City Manager Larry Blick, Director of Finance John Lawton, Members of the Planning Commission

Re: Work Session - Proposed Operating Budget

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

WATER FUND

Comparison expenditures and revenues of FY79-81. John Lawton distributed to the Council a water fund projection chart. It incorporated the suggestion of the auditors to change the method of applying depreciation. The Council agreed this new method should be used. He distributed to the Council a projection on the sanitary sewer fund. The Council discussed the figures with Mr. Lawton who explained them as needed.

REFUSE FUND

The Mayor and Council agreed to a \$.25 monthly increase in the cost of the service and at the same time agreed to a voluntary paper collection program as suggested by the City Manager. It is the Council's understanding that this paper collection program will be used to reduce the cost of dump fees and other related costs. If the program is not successful, the rates can be increased in January to cover the increase in cost for the service.

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FUND

The Council reviewed this.

MUNICIPAL SWIM CENTER FUND

This was reviewed By the Council.

PARKING FACILITY FUND

The Mayor and Council made no suggestions.

SUMMARY OF CDBG FUNDS

The Council made no changes,

SUMMARY OF CETA FUND

The Council made no changes.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

The Council made no changes.

WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Council made no changes.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

The Council made no changes,

REDGATE SINKING FUND

The Council made no changes.

REDGATE REVENUE FUND

The Council made no changes.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND

The Council made no changes.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY REVOLVING FUND

The Council made no changes.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND

The Council made no changes.

CIP

ADMINISTRATION

A-1 CITY HALL ADDITION

The Council discussed the pros and cons of the addition to City Hall since Mr. Abrams has had an opportunity to review some of the data. Since there was still information needed by the Council, it was agreed that a decision will be postponed and made as part of the decisions on the matters of the wish list.

The Planning Commission had no recommendations.

RECREATIONR-201 ROCKMEAD PARK (FALLSMEAD)

The Council discussed the funding of this park and at the same time the funding of the James Monroe Park since there seemed to be a need for clarification. Councilman Tyner felt that a phrase saying "completion of phase II is based on receipt of grant" would explain. Mr. Davis drew the Council's attention to the statement on page three of the CIP that notes that all CIP projects are subject to appropriate funding. Councilwoman Fordham and Mayor Hanna disagreed since the Council was quite definite in the funding of Monroe Street. Mayor Hanna said the Council approved the James Monroe Park grant or no grant, at a Mayor and Council meeting. He said he would like to see it reiterated at this time for emphasis in case there is still someone who does not understand that the James Monroe Park will be built with or without funding.

R-203 CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX TENNIS COURTS

The Planning Commission has suggested that \$5,000 be added to the project to cover a feasibility study for expanding the City's tennis courts facilities to accommodate major tournament play. Discussion followed on this item since the Mayor and Council did not agree to the study and were not sure of the advisability of incorporating major tournament play into the City's tennis program. No change was made in this program.

R-204 WOOTTON'S MILL PARK

The Mayor commented that he does not recall approving lighted tennis courts for this new park in the City when older parks are waiting and have been waiting for lights. No changes made in this project.

R-205 WOODLEY GARDENS TENNIS COURTS

The Planning Commission has recommended moving this project forward to 1982. The project was originally scheduled for 1982 by both the Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council at previous years' budget worksessions. The staff has moved it back a year to FY83. Mayor Hanna noted his chagrin that this project which he has dutifully encouraged each year and finally had FY82 agreed to last year, has been put back yet another year by the staff.

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and passed, the Council agreed to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and move the project to FY82. Councilman Abrams was the lone dissenting vote on the motion.

R-207 NORTH FARM PARK

The Council made no changes in this project.

The Planning Commission recommends that the Parks and Recreation Board begin considering a new name for North Farm Park in the very near future and choose

a name which ties the park to Rockville.

R-210 HORIZON HILL PARK

The Council made no changes in this project.

R-215 ORCHARD RIDGE PARK

The Council made no changes in this project.

R-216 VEIRS MILL ROAD LANDSCAPING

The Council made no changes in this project.

R-217 BIKEWAYS

Mayor Hanna suggested that the bikeway of 4,000 feet from Gude Drive to Nelson Street proposed for Woodley Garden Park be moved forward. There was no support for this suggestion.

OTHER RECREATION ITEMS

Councilwoman Fordham suggested that funds be programmed for the purchase of the abandoned school site at College Garden Park. The Council disagreed with the suggestion since at this time, the site has not been abandoned. Councilwoman Fordham suggested that the item be worded in such a way to read "if the land becomes available" since she would prefer to have funding there so the Council could act and not be hampered by lack of funds. Mayor Hanna said that it is his feeling that it is inappropriate from a budgeting standpoint to make such an item. The City Manager agreed and said the Council should give careful thought to the tactics involved in this situation.

Councilwoman Fordham moved, duly seconded, that an item be placed in the Capital Budget to cover the cost with Program Open Space Funds for the acquisition of the surplus school board site in College Gardens if it becomes available. The motion failed, Councilmembers Fordham and Tyner voting aye, Mayor Hanna, Councilmembers Freeland and Abrams voting nay.

TRANSPORTATIONT-3 STONESTREET AVENUE: BALTIMORE ROAD TO VEIRS MILL ROAD RAMPS

The Planning Commission recommended that the Planning and Design money be moved forward to 1981 and the construction costs split between 1981 and 1982. The Council agreed this was a worthwhile suggestion and moved the funding forward as suggested, 6.5 into FY81 and 45.4 between FY81 and FY82.

T-5 MONROE STREET AT HUNGERFORD DRIVE WIDENING

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-10 FIRST STREET EXTENSION

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-12 RITCHIE PARKWAY: SEVEN LOCKS TO ROCKVILLE PIKE

The Planning Commission suggested new wording for the last sentence of the project description. It would read "The design will provide a four-lane roadway with pedestrian/bike paths" in place of the last sentence. The Mayor and Council agreed.

T-13 GUDE DRIVE: RESEARCH BOULEVARD TO ROUTE 355

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-14 RESEARCH BOULEVARD: FROM SOUTH OF RESEARCH PLACE TO 2400 FEET NORTH OF ROUTE 28

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-15 GUDE DRIVE: SOUTHLAWN TO ROUTE 28

The Planning Commission recommended that this project be moved forward to 1984 and an explanation added that 1981 costs are for improvements to increase turning movement capacity at Maryland Route 28. The Council agreed to this suggestion. The funding was moved forward.

T-16 SOUTHLAWN LANE: LOFSTRAND TO GUDE

The Planning Commission recommended the project be moved back to 1985 and 1986. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

T-17 BALTIMORE ROAD: GLADSTONE TO CITY LIMITS

Councilman Freeland said he would not like to see the street widened since it has such charm. Mayor Hanna said he is prepared to oppose Councilman Freeland's suggestion since the project is so far in the future. Councilwoman Fordham moved duly seconded, that the project be deleted. The motion failed, only Councilmembers Fordham and Freeland favoring it.

T-20 MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING/COURTHOUSE COMPLEX ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-25 WASHINGTON STREET

The Mayor and Council expressed their impatience with this project and asked that the City Manager pursue it vigorously and get as much done this year as possible. They agreed to move the 1983 funding into 1982 to facilitate the program.

T-802 MARYLAND AVENUE SIDEWALK

The Planning Commission has recommended moving this forward to 1981. The Council agreed to this.

T-803 MARTINS LANE SIDEWALK

The Planning Commission recommended that this project be moved forward to 1983. The Council agreed to move the funds forward to 1982 so this project could coincide with the North Washington Street Improvement.

T-902 PARK ROAD SIGNAL SYSTEM

The Council made no changes in this project.

T-1001 GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

The Council made no changes in this project. The staff said a new page would be added so that this page will be modified to reflect the changes made in the programs.

ENVIRONMENTE-2 MULTI-PURPOSE LAKE

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-3 CARNATION DRIVE DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-4 WOODLEY GARDENS PARK STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-5 POLINGER PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-6 THOMAS FARM STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-7 WATTS BRANCH MEADOWS AND BARNSIDE DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-8 GLENORA PARK DRY POND

This project was moved forward to FY81.

E-9 WOOTTON'S MILL PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-10 DAWSON FARM DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-11 MONROE STREET DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-12 MONTROSE PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-13 BOGLEY BRANCH DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-14 CALVIN PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-15 ROCKCREST PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-20 POTOMAC WOODS PARK STREAM PROTECTION

Mayor Hanna questioned the priority of this program in the general scheme of things and asked where the Denham Road Project is. The City Manager said it was not a project and the Council could discuss it later. The Mayor said this project then could go ahead on the basis that it would not affect the funding.

E-21 SOUTHLAWN STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-22 WELSH PARK STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-23 NATIONAL CAPITAL RESEARCH PARK STORM WATER DETENTION FACILITY

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-24 DOVER ROAD STORM WATER DETENTION FACILITY

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-25 DOGWOOD PARK DRY POND

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-401 INFILTRATION STUDY AND REPAIRS

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-402 REGIONAL OUTFALL SEWERS

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-403 SUBDIVISION SEWER MAINS

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-405 UPPER WATTS BRANCH RELIEF SEWER

The Council made no changes in this project.

E-407 CABIN JOHN OUTFALL RELIEF SEWER - PHASE III

The Council made no changes in this project.

The Council discussed the Woodburn/Denham Road improvements. Councilwoman Fordham said this should be fixed at any cost. Councilman Tyner agreed that the City should pay for it. Mayor Hanna said that it was difficult to agree to repair something without knowing the cost. Mr. Goodin said the cost could be from \$36,000 to \$55,000 depending on how the project is done, that there are several alternatives that can be pursued. Mayor Hanna said he does not favor the City paying the entire cost and said it is a bad precedent and the damage there is not all the City's fault. Councilman Freeland said he would favor paying all the improvements. Councilwoman Fordham suggested assessing only those that are having a problem. Mayor Hanna suggested as an alternative that the City pick up two-thirds of the cost. The City Manager suggested the Mayor and Council ordering the project and doing it by special assessment. Mayor Hanna asked that a meeting be called of the two blocks, both Woodburn and Denham. Notices are to be sent to all of the people telling them the City is planning a storm water management system to handle the problems that involves a cost to all people and they are looking for community input. He suggested that the City go as far as two-thirds contribution and the residents pick up one-third, or the remainder. Councilman Freeland asked the staff to come back with the most reasonable set of conditions for the improvements. The staff will return with recommendations.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

H-1 FILTRATION PLANT POLLUTION CONTROL

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-5 CARR AVENUE TRANSMISSION MAIN: BEALL/FOREST

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-7 BURGUNDY ESTATES WATER INTERCONNECTION

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-9 CITY - WSSC WATER INTERCONNECTION METERS

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-10 MISCELLANEOUS REQUIRED INTERCONNECTIONS

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-13 SUBDIVISION WATER LINES

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-14 FIRST STREET TRANSMISSION MAIN: ROCKVILLE PIKE/ VEIRS MILL

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-17 RITCHIE PARKWAY TRANSMISSION MAIN: SEVEN LOCKS/NEW MARK COMMONS

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-23 HUNGERFORD DRIVE WATER MAIN

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-24 FIELDS ROAD INTERCONNECT

The Council made no changes in this project.

H-27 GUDE DRIVE WATER EXTENSION

The Council made no changes in this project.

TOWN CENTER PROJECTS

TCP-1 COURTHOUSE SQUARE ROADWAY

The Planning Commission recommends a change in the description to include the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Jefferson Street and North Washington Street and West Montgomery Avenue and that funding be moved from 1983 forward to 1982. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-2 COURTHOUSE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

The Planning Commission recommends a change in the description to include the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Jefferson Street and North Washington Street and West Montgomery Avenue and that funding be moved from 1983 and 1984 to 1982. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-3 ACCESS TO GARAGE FROM COURTHOUSE SQUARE

The Council made no changes in this project.

TCP-4 IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC SPACE IN COMMONS

The Council made no changes in this project.

TCP-5 SOLAR FOUNTAIN

The Planning Commission recommended moving the project forward to 1984 and place all funding under contributions. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-6 LINEAR PEDESTRIAN PARK

The Council made no changes in this project.

TCP-7 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Planning Commission recommended that the general fund contribution under the expenditure column be replaced with a developer contribution. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-8 CONDUITS ALONG NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

The Council agreed to move the 1982 funding to 1981 and the 1983 funding to 1982.

TCP-9 INTERSECTION LANDSCAPING

The Planning Commission recommended removing from the project descriptions any references to North Washington Street or the intersection of Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue and North Washington Street and West Montgomery Avenue. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-10 STREET LANDSCAPING

The Planning Commission recommended removing from the project descriptions any references to North Washington Street or the intersection of Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue and North Washington Street and West Montgomery Avenue. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

TCP-11 TOWN CENTER PEOPLE MOVER

The Planning Commission recommended moving the project forward to 1985 and eliminating the word "trolley" from project description. The Mayor and Council agreed to this and deleted the wording "rubber wheel trolley cars".

Re: Adjournment

The Mayor and Council having completed the CIP, the Mayor announced that the last worksession which will be either the 17th or 19th, will be devoted to decisions of items placed on the Mayor and Council Wish List.

There being no further business to come before the Council in worksession, the meeting was adjourned at midnight to convene again on Monday, June 9, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.